THE SECOND IS ALMOST FULL UP.

Only About a Dozen More Men Needed-Fourth's Detail Will Start Home To-Day-Peace May Not Bring the Boys Home.

The detail which has been securing recruits in this city for the Fourth Regiment has completed its labors, and will leave for Jacksonville to-day.

Lieutenant W. P. Klein, of Company H, who has had charge of the detail from his regiment, will remain several days yet completing his report, but the following leave to-day: Sergeant Field Wilbon, Company H; Corporal Joseph L. Young, Jr., Company M; Corporal Francis M. Richardson, Company G, and Private John A. Crown, Company F.

The detail from the Second Regiment, in charge of Captain C. Gray Bossieux, of Company M, will be here some time yet, but its duties will probably be completed soon, as only about a dozen men are needed.

Captain Bossleux and Lieutenant Klein returned Saturday night from Radford, from which place they started thirty-six recruits to Jacksonville-eighteen for each regiment.

Hospital Steward Allen H. Bowie, of the Second Regiment, arrived from Jacksonville Sunday night, on a twenty-days' and was heartily welcomed by many friends here.

SECOND NEARLY FULL. will be only a few days now before It wis be only a few days now bester the Virginia negro battalions will be ready for service. The two companies from Norfolk have not been mustered in, but Major Shanks went there for that purpose yesterday, and expects to accomplish it in a day or two. The eight colored companies from Virginia will then be in the service, and Major Shanks can join the Second Virginia Regiment, in which he bears a major's commission. Boys May Not Be Home Soon.

The prospect of the early conclusion of terms of peace with Spain, or at least of the cessation of active hostilities, pending the negotiation of a peace treaty, was a general topic of discussion yes-terday, and the opinion was somewhat

general that the Virginia boys might soon be expected home. Those who look carefully into the situare of the opinion that even though there be no more fighting, and though peace be arranged within a very short time, a considerable period will elapse before

the Virginia soldiers are with their friends again. WE WILL SEE GREAT CHANGES. "It is my opinion," said an army offi-cer to a Dispatch reporter yesterday, 'thought though this war will cause strik

ing changes in Spanish possessions conquered by our armies, the American people are going to witness changes right here at home, fully as great, and finitely more far reaching in results. I know it is a strong statement, and many will not agree with me that there will be changes in this country equal to those which will occur in Cuba, for in-stance, the change from Spanish oppression to the mildness of independent republican government, or in Porto Rico, which is to have the justice, law, and order of American rule, instead of the corruption and tyranny of Spanish officials, but a year or two will show I have not overstated the case.
"We have for years needed a real army

and navy," he continued. "The idea of our having only 25,000 men in ranks-of a nation of over 70,000,000 people maintain-ing such a force as this, while others of the world not half so powerful kept ready for immediate service an army ten times as great-appeared to many people un-wise, but the popular idea that we were a nation of peace, and far removed from the likelihood of trouble with any foreign nation, caused the great majority of the American people to uphold our law-makers in neglect of the regular army. The same was true, to a less extent, of the navy. What vessels we had were the best, but, my patience, we had so few of them! Where would America be now had our war have been with England in-stead of Spain? Our ships would have been where the majority of Spain's are, and an English army would have a foothold at some point on our coast where there are no defences, and there are plenty of such.

GREATER ARMY AND NAVY. 'We are going to have a larger army and a greater navy. It will not be such an army as those kept up by the Euro-pean Powers, perhaps, but it is going to be many times larger than the army we have been maintaining. In my opinion it is going to be about great enough to ad-

mit of every man remaining in the ser-vice who desires to do so. You will be surprised to find how many men who have gotten a taste of military life like it, and are not only willing, but anxious to remain in it. Take your Richmond companies, for instance. I will wager that of the eighteen company officers in the service from this city fully a dozen of them desire to remain in it, and at least half of the non-commissioned officers, and privates are of the same mind These percentages are certainly no lower among troops from other States. So, estimating the number of men in the field now at 150,000, it is seen that at least 75.00 meh are willing to remain there. I do not believe we will ever again see our standing army so small as that, if it can be increased to 100,000. I think the latter figure will represent its normal size in the future.

NEED ARMIES OF OCCUPATION. "But even should we be content to shut our eyes to the positive danger to the our eyes to the positive danger to the country of having an army so utterly inadequate to needs liable to arise at any time, and allow it to be brought back to its old size, we will be compelled to keep troops in Cuba. Porto Rico, and possibly the Philippines, for several years to come. In each of these countries, especially the first and the last, conditions are very un-settled, and the duty rests upon the United States to guarantee them a stable government. In order to establish this, we will have to keep our troops on the ground until the results of years of rebellion against de facto government are

General Lee and the greater portion of his corps will be sent to Cuba. I make this prediction because of the need for American troops which will exist there, and because of the peculiar fitness of General Lee for the position of Military-Governor of the island—fitness which I

ch are the facilities of the firm for the Such are the facilities of the firm to the rapid transaction of business their shipment of 722 cases was completed by 10:15 A. M. The shipments for July 29th and 20th covered every Southern State from West Virginia to Arkansas and Texas. Their business this year has been greater than ever, forethery.

RECOGNITION IN HEAVEN. Rev. Mr. Rawlings Preaches on This

Subject-Other Church News. Shall We Know Each Other There?" as the question which Rev. E. H. Rawlngs, paster of Clay-Street Methodist church, answered in his evening discourse Sunday. Mr. Rawlings was heard with a great deal of interest, and what he said

was calculated to make a lasting impression on all who heard it.

The preacher spoke of the interest felt in the subject, and prayed that he might be able to say comforting and helpful words. seemed strange to him that men friends in Heaven. Maybe it is because of this eagerness to know; because of the consequence of the truth upon the destiny of the lost, and the complications it might occasion among the relationships of our earthly life. He would not try to answer all the questions connected with the fu-ture life, but thought these could be an-swered with satisfying degrees of cer-From what we know of the resurrec

From what we know of the resurrection life of Jesus, this we infer concerning the resurrection life of the saved. The saved man will have a body—a spiritual body—freed from the limitations of this earthly life, and from the embarrassment of our present complicated relationship. He will be much the same in feature, in trait, only the bad will be left out, and the good strengthened and chastened. In the resurrected life a man will tened. In the resurrected life a man will retain his conscious identity, his memory of simple things, his consciousness of self his perception and recognition there-from of one he has known on earth. He will leave behind the superficial relation-ships of life, but carry with him the spiritual bond of love beneath these relationships, for this is eternal. Heaven is not so far away-just across the riverand its scenes will not be new or strange. Heaven is home, with the living present and all the dead come back. Surely, Heaven is not so far away, and death that brings us to it is not all dreadful. And as it is not all of death to die, so it is not all of life to live. Every death in not all of life to live. Every death in your home should, like an earthquake, shiver the hands that grapple your soul to this sordid life on earth, and the memory of every loved one ascended, should be a of every loved one ascended, should be a golden cord to bind you to the heavenly home above. If you could find the precious companion that went from your happy home, and by that going broke your heart, be reunited to her in a bond more beautiful and sacred and enduring than any earthly tie, then you must give up sin, give Christ your heart, and your life to His true and faithful service. RESULT OF THE BELIEF.

Rev. W. B. Beauchamp, of St. James Methodist church, preached for Rev. Mr. Rawlings, of Clay-Street church, Sunday morning, while Mr. Rawlings filled the ap-

pointment at St. James church. However, at the evening service Rev. Beauchamp resumed his series on "Causes and Results of Unbelief," which has attracted large congregations during its continuance.
"There are persons," he said, "who

profess not to believe in God, and it is such that I wish to discuss to-night. Some do not believe because, as they say, they cannot under-stand. This is a fallacy. Some profess not to believe because of intellectual su-periority. What are such men that they should place their puny intellect against God, for God is infinitely wise! This point was dwelt upon at length, and such ex-cuses were mercilessly ridiculed. Auother reason why people do not believe is because of sinful hearts. How often we find men and women to whom we are talking who will give all manner. cuses, but we know from their lives the true reason is a sinful heart. Is it not an awful thing to believe that men and women are to be found who, in their fallure to exercise their minds, virtually back into the face of their Crea tor the greatest attribute with which He has endowed them, and say we will not believe? If God had made high intellectual attainments the condition of salvation, how many would be saved? The condition, however, is belief, and in every human soul God has placed the power not only to believe, but to exercise a saving

He concluded with these words: "What would life be, amidst its disappointments, its cares, its heartaches, it calamities, "if we would not say, 'I believe in God'? It is faith that buoys the soul under every circumstance; it is worth all things else in this life, because of the other life."

BUILDERS OF CHARACTER. "Character Building" was the subject of Rev. A. R. Moore's discourse at Seventh-Street Christian church Sunday

Speaking of the way man should build, he said: "Again, he should have a watchcare over habits. They are the moulds of character. When we are young our character is easily shaped or moulded. But when it once becomes set in the mould of habit it is fixed, and is not easily changed. We can avoid bad character by forming good habits, or filling the moulds with good deeds. Ulysses enjoyed the music of the Syrens and escaped its enchant-ment by having himself bound to the mast of the ship and having the ears of the sailors stopped with wax. Orpheus escaped by making sweeter music than did the Syrens. So we can escape the enchantment of earth's music by making sweeter music than earth's.

"I would urge you also to be careful of your companions and books. A man is known by the company he keeps. It is

It is altogether admirable when a man, by dint of sheer will, wrings a fortune from niggardly circumstances. The world is full of instances where men have done this, but never in history was this accomplished by a weak and unhealthy man. Ill-health not only weakens every physical function but evulty and every moral quality.

If a man will stop and reason for a moment, he does not physician to understand the or its far-reaching disor

have to be a physician to understand the causes of impure blood, or its far-reaching effects. When a man's digestion is disordered, his liver sluggish, his bowels inactive, the blood is deprived of the proper food elements, and the sluggish liver and beautile arealy in their place the foulest this prediction because of the need for American troops which will exist there, and because of the peculiar fitness of General Lee for the position of Military-Governor of the island-fitness which I am sure is recognized by the President General Lee's corps is well suited to the task of preserving; or, rather, restoring, order in Cuba; for, besides being, as I understand, exceptionally fine men, they have been in Florida some time now, and are pretty well used to a climate very finilar to that in Cuba.

"So, you can rest assured," the officer concluded "that it will be some time before you see the boys in Richmond again, Instead of that, I venture to say the very great majerity of them will celebrate the next Fourth of July, and maybe the next, in Hishans, or some other town in which they may be in barracks."

Large Shipment of Shoes.

Messys Stephen Putney & Co. shipped 12 cases of boots and shoes on Saturday last, and on Friday they shipped 42 cases, making 1,36 cases in two days. Their shipments for the month of July were 7,487 cases, and they expect to ship about the same number of cases during August. OUR SOLDIER BOYS.

Much Fever Prevailing.

Christian character cannot thrive in the hot-house of idleness. An arctic plant removed to the tropics will die because taken from its native atmosphere. But if it is packed about with ice and snow it will thrive and bring forth the bloom and fragrance of its native clime. So with Christian character. It thrives when surrounded by the ice and frost of opposi-

the Royal is the highest grade baking powds known. Actual tests show it goes con-third further than ony other brand.

REV. MR. MOOREHEAD TO SPEAK.
Rev. J. A. Morehead, pastor of the First
English Evangelical Lutheran church,
left yesterday to spend several weeks' vacation with his family at Wytheville,

Sunday-night service, but arrangements have been made for Sunday-morning service each Lord's day, without exception. While away Rev. Mr. Morehead will deliver an address before the Women's Home and Foreign Mission Convention of the Engage of the Sunday of the Engage of the Sunday o Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Southwestern Virginia, which meets in St. John's Lutheran church, near Wytheville, Va., August 13th-16th. GOES ON HIS VACATION.

Rev. M. Ashby Jones has been given the month of August for rest and recuperation. He occupied his pulpit at both hours Sunday. Before the evening sermon Mr. R. A. Gary, chairman of the Committee on Pulpit Supply, announced that his committee had unanimously agreed to invite Dr. J. William Jones, father of the pastor, to preach during August, and that Dr. Jones had consented to do so. Dr. Jones will occupy the pulpit each Sunday morning and evening REV. MR. RENNIE.

Rev. Mr. Rennie, pastor of the Madison-Avenue Presbyterian church, Covington, Ky., preached at the Third Presbyterian church Sunday morning. His discourse was very interesting and helpful and greatly enjoyed. He was listened to with most earnest attention and made a impression. Rev. Charles R. Hyde, the pastor preached at night

MR. KIRK'S LAST SERVICE. Rev. J. O. Kirk Sunday closed his astorate at Howard's-Grove church, Rev. J. C. Kirk Sunday closed his pastorate at Howard's-Grove church, where he has labored for seven years, and done good work. His plans for the future are not yet definitely fixed.

Revs. Donald Guthrie and C. M. Chumb-

ley have returned to the city, and were in their pulpits Sunday. Rev. H. L. Quarles, of Broaddus-Memo-rial church, has been given three weeks holiday, which he will spend at Luray. There were two baptisms at Immanuel church Sunday night, and Rev. Mr. Harri-son had splendid congregations morning and night.

Rev. Frank Price, Presbyterian missionary to China for eight years, tave a talk on China at Fulton Baptist church Sunday afternoon. The edifice was well filled to hear the distinguished speaker. Mrs. Price sang a solo in the Chinese language, which was greatly enjoyed by the congregation.

BOOKS FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL. Superintendent Fox at Work Prepar-

ing List of Those to Be Used. It is probable that the Richmond High School will use the books contained in the

High School list adopted by the State Board of Education, though not required by law to do so. school pupils shall use the books in the

common school list, but high schools in cities of over 5,000 population may use any books selected by the teachers. Superintendent William F. Fox has for some time been engaged in making up the list and it is understood he is very favorably impressed with those selected by the State board. Mr. Fox's recommendations will be re-

ported to the Committee on Teachers and Schools of the School Board, with which rests the final power of selection. Fox hopes to have the list ready for consideration at the next meeting of the board-August 22d-in order to , ave the selections made prior to the opening of the High School, September 15th.

Property Transfers.

Richmond: William H. Childress and wife, R. T. Childress and wife, Anne E. and Robert E. Brown, Roberta and George W. McDowell, Alice B. and Joseph Wood, and Parthenia A. Childress to the city of Richmond, 12 feet on Orleans street northeast corner Seventh, \$325.

Mrs. Annette Meyer to R. P. Schilling, 25 feet on east side Fourth street between Marshall and Clay, \$3,000.

E. B. Meade's trustee to Ellen G. Kidd, wife of John B. Kidd, 52 5-12 feet on north side Leigh street, 155 1-12 feet west of Eighth. \$3,900. Philip O'Neil and wife to James Hartley,

60 feet on south side Louisiana street be tween Fulton and Erin, \$1,800.
William Trexler's and R. E. Elmore's trustees to Mrs. Georgie L. Anderson, wife of W. J. Anderson, 24 91-2-12 feet on north side Hanover street, 121 feet west of Vine, \$4,000.

Mr. J. Garland Pollard to Wed.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thomas Phillips, of Portsmouth, have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Grace Hawthorne Phillips, to Mr. John Garland Pollard, of this city. The cere-mony will be performed at Monumental Methodist church, Portsmouth, on Wednesday, August 10th, at noon.

Mr. Pollard is one of the most prominent of the young members of the Richmond Bar, and is prominent in church and literary work. The young lady who and literary work. The young lady who is to become his bride will prove a decided acquisition to Richmond society.

Laurel-Street's Excursion.

Laurel-Street Methodist church will give an excursion to Buckroe Beach on next Thursday, and the outlook is very promsing for a large crowd. Much care has been taken to make all who go as comfortable as possible, and those contemplating taking an outing may well take advantage of this trip. This church has keeping with their past record.

For Debilitated Men.

Horsford's Acid Phosphate. Dr. J. B. Alexander, Charlotte, N. C., says: "It is not only pleasant to the taste, but ranks among the best of nerve tonics for debilitated men."

The Terminal Hotel is being run under new management, has been thoroughly renovated, and will be open all the year round. Special rates will be given to all parties who desire to remain an extended ROBT. BURNS. Manager, West Point, Va.

Virginia Beach is the only Ocean Resort in Virginia. It is reached quickest, cheapest, and best via Petersburg and Norfolk and Western omnibus or bont rides re-

HOW THEY SPENT SUNDAY IN AND ABOUT CAMP ALGER.

MANY NORTHERN VISITORS IN LINES. Connecticut Officers Pay Colonel Nalle a Call and the Band Plays "Dixie"-Review of the Army Corps. (Correspondence of the Dispatch.)

CAMP ALGER, July 31.-Acting under orders from General Butler. regimental inspection was held this morning by Colonel Nalle. Fortunately, the last of the month came on Sunday, and there was no inspection, as was the case last month. Reveille was sounded at 5 o'clock, and, after guardmount, at 6 A. M., the First Battalion formed without arms or equipments, and the muster-roll of each company was gotten through with in a few minutes. The Second and Third were treated the same way, and before 9 o'clock the men were at liberty until 7 this evening, when regimental parade was held. A large number of the troops visited the near-by camps; others entertained visitors, while a good many attended church at Merrifield, which is a small village, only a short distance from here. The Young Men's Christian Association tent was fixed up yesterday. Benches were put in, and things made generally comfortable for religious services, which were held in the moring and evening. NORTHERN VISITORS.

Last night Colonel Nalle had as his guests Colonel Burdette and staff, of the First Connecticut. They arrived about 8 o'clock, and after being introduced to the commissioned officers of the regiment. they spent the evening with the latter and Colonel Nalle. We also had a visit from the regimental band of the same regiment, and they gave a concert in front of the Colonel's tent from 8 o'clock to tattoo, at 9:30. They have a fine musical organization, and came over twenty-four pieces. Appreciating the fact that we "Dixie," and the compliment brought many thanks from the boys, who, of course, let their lungs loose as the popular air was beautifully rendered. The evening passed in a most enjoyable manner, and will long be remembered by all of

Captain M. B. Rowe, who has been recruiting for the First Battalion was here to-day, and stated that, though he had recruited the necessary number of men for the battalion, yet he would not return to camp for some time, as Colonel Nalle has ordered him to remain in Fredericksburg, prepared to get more men. This is made necessary by the recent order creating an examining board to examine men for discharge. It is expected that quite a number will be given their freedom from military bondage, and in this case Captain Rowe will be busy again. His company had expected him back next week, and were much disappointed when they learned that he would not re-

REVIEW OF THE ARMY CORPS. The review of the Second Army Corps mentioned in the Dispatch yesterday, will be held in Washington next Saturday It had been intended to have it over here but General Graham was anxious that the President should review the corps, and therefore, requested that the men be allowed to go to Washington. The start will be made on Friday morning, and the march promises to be a hot one, if the present spell keeps up. We will reach Fort Myer some time Friday morning, and will stay there that night, leaving for Washington Saturday morning, when the review will take place, and afterwards the men will return and camp that night at the chain-bridge. We will return to camp Sunday morning. The regiment will leave here in heavy marching order. There is general regret expressed that we promise that the Third Virginia will make as good a showing as any of the other

regiments from here. LITTLE PROBABILITY OF MOVING. Though Major Smith has presented a lengthy report on the unhealthy locatio of our present camp, I heard to-day that there was little probability of our moving any time soon. No more cases of fever have been reported in the regiment, and the fact is remarkable, as typhoid is constantly increasing in Camp Alger. Yester-day there were two deaths, and up to last night twenty new cases, while teen suspected ones were reported at Fort Myer. To-day has been fearfully warm, and there will probably be a number of new cases reported to-night.

By a decision of the First Division court-martial, rendered yesterday, Private Charles Davis, of Company F, who was charged with being implicated in the recent fight in the guard-house, has been dishonorably discharged from the service. The sentence is, however, considered to be an unjust one, and high officers of this regiment are making an effort to have the same mitigated. Private Downey, of Company F, for taking part in the same

fight, was fined \$10. CONCEALED WEAPONS FORBIDDEN. Hereafter any soldier found with concealed weapons on his person will be arrested and brought before a court-martia for trial. General Graham yesterday is-sued orders to this effect, and sentinels have been instructed to keep on a sharp

General Butler moved his headquarters to a house near our camp yesterday after-noon, and the Division Hospital will be changed to-morrow.

An order has been issued which pro-vides that there shall be no more afternoon drills in the First Division.

OFFLEY NEIGHBORHOOD.

Delegates to Richmond Convention-

Personal-The Crops. OFFLEY, August 1 .- (Special.)-At precinct meeting at Blunt's Saturday evening. Messrs. C. H. Oliver and G. G. Brown were elected delegates to the Democratic congressional convention to be held in Richmond next Thursday. It goes without saying that they are Lamb

Mrs. Charles G. Sawtelle, of Washington, has been visiting relatives in this neighborhood for two weeks. Her husband is a captain in the regular army, and is now en route with the third expedition for the Philippines.

The Rev. S. S. Hepburn will leave next

Saturday for a three-weeks' vacation in Maryland. His post-office address will be Still Pond, Md. Rev. Frank Page, of Waco, Tex., is

expected to spend the month of August with his father, at Oakland. It is hoped that Mr. Page will fill the pulpit at "Old Fork" on the second Sunday in August. Mr. Page is very much beloved by his old home community, and always draws a large congregation.

Judge and Mrs. Flournoy are spending

the summer with Mrs. Clarke, at "Dew-Mr. Eugene Cooke, of King William county, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Fentor

ASHLAND, VA., August 1.—(Special.)—
The Town Council met this afternoon and transacted considerable business.
Mr. Lorenzo Lane was elected chief engineer of the Fire Department, vice T.

Noland, at "Airwell." The continued rains have interfered very much with the grain threshing, and that, together with the poor yield of wheat, is making it very hard on the separator men. The yield is about 60 per cent of a The corn crops are very promising. it and effect a complete cure is

B. Trevillian, elected Town Sergeant. Mr. John G. Tiller was elected Fire Warden, vice O. Lane. E. L. C. Scott was re-elected school trustee for three years.

RALEIGH'S BUDGET.

Troops Leave-The Railway Commis-

sion-Personal and Briefs. RALEIGH, N. C., August 1 .- (Special.)-The largest crowd which ever assembled at the Union Depot here was there yes terday afternoon to say good-by to the Second Regiment, which left for posts in South Carolina and Georgia. The regiment left twenty-seven men in the hospital here. Of these four are sick with fever. Surgeon Brooks is left in charge of the hospital, with one hospital steward, four nurses, and two cooks. The troops which left were certainly glad to get a change of station, not by reason of any digitke of Raleigh, for they are deeply apprecia-tive of the unremitting courtesy and kind-

ress of the unremitting courtesy and kind-ness of the people of Raleigh.

The crop report, which will be issued to-morrow, is sure to be a good one.

Rains have been quite general. Yesterday there was a heavy one here, accompa-nied by three distinct and severe thua-J. C. L. Harris, who is principal counsel

for the Pullman Car Company in North Carolina, is greatly pleased at the suc-cess he met with Saturday in inducing the Railway Commission to reduce the valuation of the Pullman property for taxation from \$1,000,000 to \$751,000.

It is learned that it will perhaps be

about a month before the Railway Com-mission makes its decision as to passen-ger rates on the Raileigh and Gaston railway. Chairman Caldwell's unreadiness to vote causes the delay. No one knows how he will vote. Commissioner Pearson is ready to vote in favor of the reduction, Commissioner Abbott to vote against it. Commissioner Abbott makes the point that what he desires and what the people want is a reduction of freight rates. But the other commissioners voted down resolution ordering a reduction in freight resolution ordering a reduction in freight rates. It is broadly hinted that Chairman Caldwell desires to keep up the agitation as a political measure. This is what Gov-ernor Russell desires, of course.

The State to-day granted a charter to

the Monroe Telephone Company.
Samuel L. Langdon, of Philadelphia,
through John C. Uhl, his lawyer, has raised a company and put \$100,000 in the "Taylor Place" coal-mine, in Chatham county. A Philadelphia company bough the place for \$30,000, and has now leased it to Langdon. Uhl denies that Langdon was the buyer, and says the company purposes to put coal on the market by the end of October. The Cumnock Coal Company will fight Langdon and his scheme to the bitter end.

FINCASTLE.

A Church Dedication-Personal-Unwelcome Visitor.

FINCASTLE, August 1 -(Special)-The new Fincastle Baptist church was dedicated here yesterday, Rev. P. G. Elsom preaching the sermon. The building is one of the finest in this section of the county, and, having been recently painted, presents a most handsome appearance. A large number of persons were in attend-

The Rev. J. C. Shirer, who has recently taken charge of the Presbyterian church in this place, is rendering good and acceptable service, and drawing large congregations. He fills the pulpit on the econd and fourth Sabbaths.

The wheat yield from the machine is giving entire satisfaction as to both quality and quantity, and some of our farmers are boasting of unusual succes On Friday of last wek a lady of our town, about 6 P. M., went into her kitchen and discovered a most repulsive-looking animal stretched out at full length upon the table. She gave the usual scream and, terribly frightened, rushed back into the house. A woman living with her in the capacity of nurse, etc., came to the rescue with an axe. By this time the animal had gotten to the floor, and, without any parleying, the weapon was raised and came down with a heavy thump on the head of the beast, almost severing that most important organ from the body. It turned out to be an alligator, being one of a pair owned by a citizen, which had made its escape from confinement, and was attempting to establish its headquarters in the kitchen of our Commonwealth's Attorney.

FOR SAFE-KEEPING.

A Condemned Man Brought

Lynchburg-Suit Compromised, LYNCHBURG, VA., August 1 .- (Special.)-The Sheriff of Lee county has brought here for safe-keeping J. M. Sutwho has been sentenced to be hanged for the murder of A. J. Sutton. The prisoner is a tall, athletic young man, rather good looking, a native Ewing, thirteen miles from Cumberland Gap, and up to the fall of last year, was selling books through the country. On the 4th of November, 1897,

Sutton, a farmer of that neighborhood, was shot and killed on the highway, and the prisoner was arrested, charged with the crime. It was claimed that he had a grudge against the deceased, and the evidence at the trial was such that the jury brought in a verdict of murder in the first degree, whereupon the prisoner was sentenced to be hanged. Before the sentence could be carried out, counsel for the prisoner obtained from the Supreme Court of Appeals a writ of super-sedeas, and his case will be heard before that tribunal. As the Lee county ail is insecure and there was likelihood of persons attempting to rescue the prisoner, the Judge ordered Sheriff to bring him to Lynchburg

The Norfolk and Western railroad has compromised the suit of the administra-tor of A. S. Francis, the mail agent who was killed in a wreck at Shawsville June 18th last, by paying \$5,900. In the case of Mail-Agent Giles, who was badly injured. \$1.100 was paid.

FREDERICKSBURG.

Death from Sunstroke-Personal and General.

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., August 1 .-(Special.)-Mr. James R. Mander, who was sunstruck Saturday, died that night at 10:30, having never regained consciousness. He was 48 years of age, and a son of our well-known townsman, Mr. Charles Mander. His funeral took place from his home this morning at 10 o'clock, R. S. Chew Camp, Sons of Confederate Vete-rans, of which he was a member, attending in a body.

The Southwestern District Sunday School Convention of the Potomac Baptist Association, which has been in session at Falmouth for the past three days adjourned last night to meet Grove church, Fauquier county, on the last Sunday in August of next year. The sessions were exceedingly interesting and profitable and well attended.

The Fourth Regiment will, one day this week, make a practice march to Spotsylvania Courthouse. They will spend the night there and the next day return by

Rev. B. W. Mebane left to-day for a month's vacation in North Carolina.

The delegates to the Democratic Con-Irbanna to-morrow, left via steamer for that place this evening.

During the month of July the fines

and costs assessed in the Mayor's office amounted to \$663. Contagious Blood Poison is the most horrible disease known. The only remedy which can reach

Swift's Specific,

AN OPEN LETTER To MOTHERS.

WE ARE ASSERTING IN THE COURTS OUR RIGHT TO) THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE WORD "CASTORIA," AND "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," AS OUR TRADE MARK.

I. DR. SAMUEL PITCHER, of Hyannis, Massachusetts. was the originator of "CASTORIA," the same that has borne and does now bear the fac-simile signature of hat Hillichen wrapper. This is the original "CASTORIA" which has been used in the homes of the Mothers of America for over thirty years.

LOOK CAREFULLY at the wrapper and see that it is the kind you have always bought and has the signature of hat Helthir wrapper. No one has thority from me to use my name except The Centaur Com, of which Chas. H. Fletcher is President. March 24, 1898. Abrund Pitcher on. D.

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